
Press Release

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SCAG APPLAUDS PASSAGE OF STATEWIDE WATER REFORM LEGISLATION

LOS ANGELES – November 4, 2009 – The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) congratulates the California State Legislature and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on the passage of comprehensive legislation to overhaul California’s antiquated water systems.

“The Southern California Association of Governments applauds the bold action taken early this morning by the California Legislature to usher a new era of increased water resources and reliability that will benefit the state’s residents and economy for decades to come. The SCAG region covers 19 million residents, six counties and 189 cities. Water quality and predictability is critical to our communities and businesses. The increased water supply, reliability, conveyance and conservation measures provided by this water legislation will provide lasting benefits to the region and its residents,” said SCAG President Jon Edney.

“Governor Schwarzenegger, Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, Assembly Speaker Karen Bass, minority leaders Senator Dennis Hollingsworth and Assemblymember Sam Blakeslee and the bipartisan coalition that supported this package are to be commended for their leadership in getting this historic legislation approved, “ said Hasan Ikhata, SCAG Executive Director.

The six-county SCAG region, imports approximately three-quarters of its potable water and annual water demand fluctuates in relation to available supplies and the rainfall in a given year. This water reform package goes along way toward addressing water supply, one of Southern California’s most pressing issues.

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